

1 13. [Original] The method of claim 8 wherein the second copying
2 machine is configured with a second printing device that prints a new machine-
3 readable code on any copies formed from the document.

1 14. [Original] The method of claim 8 wherein the document is
2 generated with the first copying machine, and wherein the second copying
3 machine and the first copying machine are the same copying machine.

1 15. [Original] The method of claim 8 wherein the second copying
2 machine is configured to identify a user requesting a copy of the document,
3 wherein the information contained in the machine-readable code defines if the
4 document can be copied by particular users, and wherein the second copying
5 machine is configured to not copy the document unless the scanning machine
6 finds the machine-readable code and extracts information from the machine-
7 readable code authorizing the copying by the user identified by the second
8 copying machine as requesting a copy of the original document.

Claims 16-20 [canceled].

1 21. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 information contained in the machine-readable code defines a version of the
3 document and the scanning comprises scanning a scanned version of the
4 document, and further comprising:

5 storing a digital representation of the scanned version of the document
6 together with digital representations of other versions of the document using the
7 database; and

8 determining that the digital representations of the other versions of the
9 document are in the database.

1 22. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 providing the original document comprises providing the document comprising a
3 hard image formed for the first time on physical output media.

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1 23. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 1 wherein the
2 providing the original document comprises providing the document comprising a
3 hard image formed for the first time on physical output media comprising paper.

1 24. [Currently Amended] The method of claim 6 wherein the scanning
2 machine is linked with a processor that is in data communication with the
3 database and in data communication with a second printer, and the determining
4 comprises determining using the processor, and further comprising the processor
5 enabling either the scanned version of the document or at least one of ~~the~~ a
6 plurality of other versions of the document stored in the database as digital
7 representations to be printed by the second printer.

1 25. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 6 wherein the
2 generating comprises generating the primary image on the document comprising
3 an original document, and the printing comprises printing the machine-readable
4 code on the original document as it is generated.

1 26. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 6 wherein the
2 generating the primary image on the document comprises forming the primary
3 image on physical output media for the first time.

1 27. [Canceled].

1 28. [Canceled].

1 29. [Previously Presented] A document tracking method
2 comprising:

3 accessing a document comprising a machine-readable code;

4 providing a database comprising a plurality of digital representations of a
5 plurality of different versions of the document including a first version
6 corresponding to the document and an other version corresponding to an other
7 version of the document;

8 extracting information from the machine-readable code of the accessed
9 document; and

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10 determining the presence of the digital representation of the other version
11 of the document within the database using the extracted information.

1 30. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 29 further comprising
2 hard imaging one of the first version and the other version of the document after
3 the determining.

1 31. [Previously Presented] The method of claim 29 wherein the
2 accessing comprises accessing an original document.

1 32. [Currently Amended] A document tracking system comprising:
2 an interface configured to access an original document comprising
3 machine-readable code, and to generate a digital representation of the original
4 document; and
5 a processor coupled with the interface and configured to process the
6 digital representation of the document to extract information from the machine-
7 readable code, to access a database comprising additional information
8 corresponding to the extracted information, and to compare the extracted
9 information with the additional information to track the document; and
10 wherein the processor is configured to use the extracted information to
11 determine whether copying of the original document is permitted, and to control
12 a hard imaging device to generate a hard copy of the original document if
13 copying is permitted.

1 33. [Canceled].

1 34. [Previously Presented] The system of claim 32 wherein the
2 database comprises a plurality of digital representations of a plurality of different
3 versions of the document including a first version corresponding to the accessed
4 original document and an other version corresponding to an other version of the
5 document, and the processor is configured to determine the presence of the
6 digital representation of the other version of the document within the database
7 using the extracted information.

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1 35. [Previously Presented] The system of claim 34 wherein the
2 processor is configured to enable the generation of a hard copy of at least one
3 of the first version and the other version of the document using a hard imaging
4 device.

1 36. [New] The method of claim 1 wherein the determining comprises
2 determining only using the information of the comparing.

1 37. [New] The method of claim 1 wherein the determining comprises
2 determining only using the information extracted from the machine-readable
3 code and the information in the database.

1 38. [New] The method of claim 1 wherein the determining comprises
2 determining without any information regarding an individual attempting to copy
3 the original document.

1 39. [New] The method of claim 29 wherein the extracting comprises
2 extracting the information from the machine-readable code of the accessed
3 document corresponding to the first version.

1 40. [New] The system of claim 32 wherein the processor is configured
2 to determine whether the copying of the original document is permitted only
3 using the comparison of the extracted information with the additional
4 information.

1 41. [New] The system of claim 32 wherein the processor is configured
2 to determine whether the copying of the original document is permitted only
3 using the extracted information and the additional information.

1 42. [New] The system of claim 32 wherein the processor is configured
2 to determine whether the copying of the original document is permitted without
3 any information regarding an individual attempting to copy the original
4 document.

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